

#### MISSION OF THE OWASIPPE HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

To offer older Scouts and leaders general High Adventure opportunities where they may enjoy, test, and expand their outdoor backpacking and camping skills through Trail Crew teamwork while offering an introduction to challenging recreational and educational programs that they never experienced before.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Owasippe High Adventure programs are designed to meet the needs of older Scouts and explorers who are wanting a challenging outdoor experience beyond that offered during a regular camp week.

Programs such as C.O.P.E., Voyaguer, and <u>Potowatomie Quest</u> require that participants must be at least 13 years old to take part.

Specialty camps do not have an age requirement.

All participants must be in good physical condition.

#### **PROGRAMS**

- 1. Potowatomie Quest Outpost Camping Experiences
- 2. Owasippe Voyaguer
- 3. The Owasippe Challenge
- 4. White River High Adventure
- 5. Specialty Camps



#### ORGANIZING FOR BACKPACKING ADVENTURE

#### The Joy of Backpacking

Backpacking is a wonderful opportunity to get away from the everyday pressures of modern life. Think of your time here at Owasippe Scout Camps as a chance to relax. Leave your aftershave lotion and Walkman at home-one attracts bugs and the other inhibits good communication. Strip your equipment down to the essentials you are willing to lug along the trail.

Think of backpacking as the ultimate in outdoor challenges requiring you to use the Scoutcraft skills of hiking, camping, and cooking and the leadership skills of organizing, preparing and communicating.

#### Essentials

As with any worthwhile activity, preparation is the most important part of the trip. Organize well and your time on the trail will be like a vacation. A well organized crew will keep the following things in mind:

- \* The week on the trail should be challenging physically, mentally and with respect to Scouting skills.
- \* Fun, fellowship and adventure should be important ingredients in all your plans.
- \* Required medical and crew survey forms should be completed as soon as possible so that there will be no barrier to your beginning your trail experience.

#### Adult Leader/Advisor Role

The role of the adult leader begins when the crew decides it is going to be a high adventure unit. The adult leader will immediately be concerned with recruit ing leaders and crew members and preparing them for the trail.

#### Leadership

The minimum BSA leader requirement calls for at least two adult leaders on any Scouting activity.

Coed crews are required to have at least one adult female leader attending camp.

On any Scouting activity, serveral methods of leadership may be employed. The leader, from the start, may find it best to let the crew do the work while setting a good example by being one of the crew members. Taking your turn at cooking and cleaning will allow you to get closer to the crew.

#### Promotion

Promoting a week of adventure at Owasippe should begin well before January 1 of the year you plan to hike the trail. The unit committee and your junior leaders need to select dates early and communicate them to the families. Families must know the dates as early as possible to fit them into the familiy's plans for the summer.

To help promote Owasippe High Adventure Camp experience, your district/council camping chairman can arrange either a slide show or video presentation to help convey enthusiasm. Regardless of the council in which you are registered, this presentation can be borrowed by contacting Owasippe Scout Reservation, 9900 Russell Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457. If you prefer to call, the number is (616) 894-4061 or 1-800-283-0830.

Early down payments and monthly payments saved for trail fees will help create momentum and commitment.

#### Preparation

The trail leader must know those he will be leading. Combined crews from two neighboring units can be great fun, but you will want to know the skills, abilities and personalities of every crew member. A good place to learn this is on a shakedown hike (at least one and perhaps more if this is a "green" crew) during the spring.

#### Camping and Backpacking Skills

Camping and backpacking are the primary Scoutcraft skills you will need on the trail. By the time Scouts are old enough to attend Owasippe High Adventure Experience, all will have had experience in camping and backpacking. The main difference on the trail is that they will be *carrying everything* needed on their back.

#### Crew Chief

Your primary youth leader is the crew chief. While you are attending to the administrative details and keeping a weather eye on health and safety, your crew chief should be directing the crew. Delegate responsibility early and then take your turn in following the crew chief's direction-just as you expect that your directions be followed. Ensure that your crew chief understands the program, the skills, Baden Powell requirements, the daily routine, and the campfire program. Unless you must step in to solve a serious problem, leave the leadership of the crew in the hands of youth leaders.

#### Crew Size

Crew sizes **cannot exceed** twelve Scouts (not including leaders). The reason for this policy is that program quality cannot be maintained if crews are too large. The ideal crew size is most likely ten Scouts and two leaders, but this is a decision you will make in preparing for your week of high adventure.

Crews sizes which are very small may be paired with another small crew by the staff to make a more workable crew situation.

#### Weekend Shakedown

Be sure to have at least one weekend shakedown to learn how *not* to overload yourself. Keep notes of items you used, didn't use, and any you should have brought but left behind. If you don't use an item you thought you would need on the shakedown, chances are you won't need it on the trail.

Plan well ahead to make sure the shakedown is fun, in a scenic area and challenges outdoor skills.

#### Trail Itinerary

As you now know, planning your trail itinerary is very important. This means sitting down with your crew and discussing the information from the Program section of this guide. Once you have chosen your outpost selections, indicate them on your *PreCamp Crew Survey*. Be sure to mail the survey *at least three weeks prior to arrival* at camp. We will work hard to see that your crew gets at leasr your top choices of outposts. Read the program section well and ensure all crew members participate in planning. (Trail itinerary can be done on arrival at camp for provisional crews).

#### Tour Permit

All out-of-council units must file the appropriate tour permit with their local council. This will be either a local or national tour permit depending upon the milage between your location and Owasippe Scout reservation. Distances below 500 miles require a local permit; distances of 500 miles and more require a national permit. This does not apply to C.A.C. units.

The approved tour permit **must be presented** to the Camp Director on **the first day** of your arrival.

#### Chartered Bus Service

Units in the C.A.C. may choose to take advantage of the chartered bus service we provide. This bus service leaves from and arrives at the council office. If you choose to use the chartered bus service, there are several things you need to know and do well in advance.

The cost for the chartered bus trip is \$35.00 round trip. The fee is paid to the Chicago Area Council.

At least one adult must be on the bus with the Scouts or Explorers.

#### Private Vehicles

All vehicles carrying Scouts should arrive at Owasippe Scout Reservation no earlier than 1:00 p.m. and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the opening day. Please abide by this schedule. Private vehicles remaining are to be parked in the base camp parking lot. If private vehicles are to drop off, leave and return, they must return by 8:00 a.m. on the following Saturday. It is expected that all crews will have left camp by 10:00 a.m. on that day.

#### Camp Fee

- 1. Deposit
- A \$35.00 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required at time of registration
- 2. Section Camps
- A. Camper with unit \$125.00 per week, \$115.00 per week if paid prior to May 1st.
- B. Individual Camper's Fee \$135.00 per week.
- C. Leader 2 free leaders per week. \$60.00 per week for each additional leader.
- D. \$10.00 per Scout due by March 12th.

#### Refund Policy

Because most of the camp fees are actually spentprior to the troop arrival at camp for food, salaries, and program supplies, refunds for campers will be made under the following conditions:

A. All but \$25.00 per Scout or paid leader will be refunded providing a <u>written</u> <u>notification</u> of cancellation is received in the Owasippe office 14 days prior to your scheduled arrivale at camp.

- B. Refunds will not be given for "no-shows" or campers leaving camp.
- C. All requests for refunds must be in writing.

#### **Payments**

- 1. To confirm a troop reservation, a \$35.00 per period, non-refundable, non-transferable fee is required with the Reservation Form completed by each troop. Site preferences will be considered. Owasippe reserves the right to place the unit in any campsite.
- 2. Final boy fees are to be paid in full on or before May 1. After May 1, boy fees will be \$125.00 per boy per week. The \$125.00 boy fee will not apply to boys who join the troop after June 1 deadline.
- 3. Final evaluation of the Troop camping account will be made on arrival at Owasippe on Sunday. Please bring receipts, any necessary paperwork and check book.

#### **Camperships**

A limited amount of camper assistance money is available based upon need. In the spirit of Scouting, which teaches a boy to pay his own way in life, it is expected that some part of his fee will be available from personal funds, family resources, the unit, the sponsoring institution or a combination of all these. Campership applications are available from Owasippe Scout Reservation and the Scout office.

#### Rosters

Please be sure to have your rosters completed before you arrive. Please either type them or print them legible because they are very important. If this and all other registration requirements have been completed, your crew can get started on time and not miss a beat.

#### Medical Examinations

Each Scout and Scouter, without exception, must have a *Personal Health and Medical Record Form- Class 3* (No. 4412) completed by a physician within the last twelve calendar months.

Regulations require that if the medical form is not submitted upon arrival at camp, the individual cannot participate in the program and must remain at the base camp.

Although the mail is quick, the aggravation and disappointment of a missing physical examination form is to be avoided at all costs.

Please note also that the Class 3 medical examination form is **not** the three-year form which can be used for regular summer base camps.

Please check all forms for participant, parent and physician signatures **before** coming to camp.

#### Mail

Everyone likes to receive mail and we will deliver mail to crews at the outposts. To speed the mail to your crew, please make sure the writer includes "Owasippe H.A." and the proper unit number on the envelope

Letters to crew members at Owasippe High Adventure Camp should be addressed as follows:

[Name]
Owasippe H.A.
[Troop][Team][Post][Crew]#\_\_\_\_
Owasippe Scout Reservation
P.O. Box 152
Whitehall, MI 49461-0152

#### Uniforms

The staff supports good uniforming. Full uniforms will be worn at base camp on the day of your arrival, on Friday you come in off the trail and on the morning of your departure. You'll want your crew to look sharp at meals, ceremonies, church services and campfires. A complete uniform can be left in storage while you are on the trail so that each crew member will have an unruffled uniform when they come back to base camp.

## YOUR CAMPING EQUIPMENT

#### Your Pack

Attention to choosing your pack is probably the most important thing you will do to assure your confort. Your pack is where everything will be carried. It is your kitchen, cupboard, bedroom dresser, and bathroom medicine chest.

It is imperative that your pack fit properly Even though it's called a back-pack, the weight inside should rest on your hips, instead of on your back and shoulders. If ever you've been on a hike and a Scout, who is otherwise a great Scout, has become a complainer and looks exhausted, chances are his pack doesn't fit him properly and needs adjustment.

When planning what is going to go into your pack, make sure you plan enough space to carry your share of trail food. This space should be about the same size as a large cereal box.

#### Tents

Your tent will be your shelter not only from the rain, but more often from the skeeter varmints. A good quality, two-person, rip-stop nylon tent with no-see-um net closures will do just fine. Tents should be large enough for two Scouts.

Backpacking tents are available or you may bring your own.

Put each tent in two tent bags to share the load between tent mates. One can carry the tent and poles and the other can carry the fly and stakes.

#### Ground Cloth

When rain cools the air and makes the trail pleasant, the birds sing and the and the leaves glisten. It also leaves the ground wet and you will want to make sure you have a sturdy ground cloth cut to fit the tent. Either a 3 to 5 mil piece of builder's plastic or a sturdy plastic drop cloth are good choices.

#### Hammocks

Some swear by them. Remember, however, you'll need a rain fly and either some insect repellant or net enclosure if you use a hammock. Seasoned hammock users say that those who use tents lead a sheltered life. They are likely correct, but the choice is yours.

#### Dry Clothing

To help prevent clean, dry clothing from becoming soiled, and wet, we suggest you pack your gear in zip-lock plastic freezer bags. These come in a variety of sizes and can be marked for use and content with a marker pen. You can, for example, get a change of underclothing and two pairs of dry socks into a quart sized bag if you roll the items very tightly. Other items also can be packed in other sizes as required.

Make sure you squeeze out the excess air before closing the bag to save room in your pack. Repacking soiled and wet items in the same bag can help prevent odor and dampness soiling other items not packed in plastic bags.

#### Sleeping Bags

Go as light as possible. Temperatures often drop to the low forties at night through early July. After mid-July, bring a sheet and sleep on top of your sleeping bag., but do bring your sleeping bag. It should be stored in a waterproof bag.

#### Protection from the Weather

You will need a waterproof covering for your backpack. This will keep your pack dry if you are hiking in the rain and when you reach your outpost for the night. These can either be purchased or made from plastic bags. If the latter is your choice, the large, heavy-duty lawn and leaf bags are an alternative. Just slit the bag down the center on one of the flat sides from the opening to about 6-8 inches from the closed end and it will fit over your pack quite nicely.

Either a poncho or good quality raingear is a must! You will be in the woods all week and rain showers often come rolling in with short notice. Please make sure all your crew members have this mandatory piece of equipment.

#### Mattress Pads

These are essential. Self-inflating Therma-Rest has changed outdoor life and allows a restful night even on the rocks. They are expensive but worth every penny. Insulite pads are less expensive alternatives.

#### Flashlights

You will need a reliable flashlight. It can get very dark in our woods because there is no ambient light after darkness falls except from the moon. Rig the flashlight with a loop of rope which will allow you to hang it around your neck.

#### WILDERNESS HIKING

#### Footwear

Crew members need to have either leather boots or sturdy, leather hiking shoes which are in good shape but well broken in. Most of all, the boots and shoes MUST FIT. Don't believe any salesperson who tells you that he'll grow into them. A week on the trail in boots which do not fit properly will cause blisters and make the wearer miserable.

Generally, footwear made from natural material is better than those mostly made from synthetic materials. There are, however, brands made of synthetic materials which are highly rated by experienced hikers. Although the synthetic material is sometimes lighter in weight, it doesn't always breathe properly and thereby traps moisture. Moisture trapped in socks and footwear softens an weaken the skin and leads to blistering very quickly. In any case, use good judgement when choosing footwear.

Dry wool socks are very important. Veteran backpackers always bring several pairs of wool hiking socks. Cotton socks cause ten times as many blisters and those blisters are always larger than with either woolen or polpropelene socks.

#### Map and Compass

Crew members must be aware that a compass will be needed. It keeps one from going in the wrong direction. The patience to look closely at a map is also important. Maps will be the most up to date we have based on recent surveys. Our staff hikes the trails and will give you pointers about trail problems where they exist, but crews must be prepared to use hiking skills.

#### Trails

There are many miles of trails at Owasippe Scout Reservation. The trails are maintained by Scouting volunteers like yourself. Your reports of trail conditions are useful to the conservation committee to plan its work.

If you would like to adopt a section of trail and join the work, please tell us by writing the Owasippe Scout Reservation Director. If you prefer to call, the number is (616) 894-4061.

If you would like to schedule a service project on a section of the trail to meet a requirement for an award, please let us know as soon as you check in on your first day.

#### TRAIL COOKING

#### A Scout Runs On Food!

You will certainly be ready for a good meal at the end of the day on the trail. If the exercise of all that hiking and outpost program activity isn't enough, the clear Michigan air seems to do something for an appetite that only good, solid food can satisfy.

#### Your Trail Food

We provide crews with freeze-dried food from one of the leading companies. The outpost and trail staff eat it every day after a whole summer, we still like it. With a little experience and careful preparation, you'll find that it is both tasty and satisfying Expert trail hikers give a few recommendations and we'll list them here.

- \* The more you use freeze-dried foods the better they will taste as you learn to mix the ingredients properly and add spices to hance the flavor.
- \* A spice kit is highly recommended by most hikers and should include cinnamon, seasoned salt, tabasco and soy sauce, parmesan cheese and your own favorite flavorings.
- \* Carry all the food for a single meal in one person's pack to avoid having to tear up all packs to find the missing ingredients bag. A little planning when you receive your allotment prevents wasted time later-especially when you are "hungry as a bear."
- \* At each meal and before you open any of the bags, lay out all the courses and read the directions. Some directions say to "add water to dry ingredients" while others may say "add the dry ingredients to the water."
- \* As soon as you know how much water will be needed, get it all into one pot and get the pot over a fire. A lid on the water pot saves about 40 percent on fuel needed to boil the water.
- \* If at all possible, use the bag to mix the dry ingredients and water. To obtain the *best* results (although it will mean dirtying another pot), boil the water, and use another pot to mix the ingredients with water *according to package instructions*. Mix well and then let simmer. This ensures complete mixing and proper hydration.

\* Food for your first few days on the trail is supplied at the beginning of the week. You will be resupplied during the week for the remainder of the meals you will be eating along the trail.

#### Fire Safety

Your crew must be extremely careful with fires. Never leave a fire unattended and be careful not to build a fire too large. An adequate cooking fire is one where the flames comes up to one's knees. Never let the flame get higher than this.

#### Firemanship

Although young Scouts find a stove quicker, a high adventurer should be able to quickly make a cooking fire using natural fuel found in and around the campsite. In addition, your crew can use our outpost dutch ovens and griddles to make your cooking better and faster. All we ask is that you return them clean and ready for the next crew.

#### Firewood

You will find ample supplies of firewood at Owasippe, but it is not always dry. A small, lightweight pack saw is useful. If you encountered a big rain storm, most of the wood will be wet.

#### Camp and Backpacking Stoves

Unlike base camp, you can't store dry wood. To avoid wet wood and to avoid scarring the landscape in primitive areas, most backpackers use one-burner stoves. We recommend them. Two of them are usually adequate for a crew of eight. Many outfitters have various stoves available for purchase, but some are better suited for backpacking than others. Ask expert leaders for recommendations if you don't know which one to choose.

Gas stoves using either liquid or bottled gas are to be used only under adult supervision. Adult leaders must demonstrate the safe use, discuss safety rules, and observe closely as each youth demonstrates the proper operation of this equipment. The time to learn safe practices is *before coming to camp*.

#### Pots and pans

Experience has shown that one large pot, one coffee pot, one fry pan, one large cooking spoon, one spatula, and one cooking fork are all that is needed for six scouts.

#### **PROGRAM**

#### Opening Day At Base Camp

The Owasippe High Adventure Experience starts its week on Sunday. You and your crew will be welcomed at camp by your Trail Guide After 1:00 p.m. Your crew guide will ensure that you do everything you must do to prepare for your week on the trail. If you come in private vehicles, please don't arrive at Owasippe High Adventure Experience any earlier than 1:00 p.m. and no later than 3:00 p.m. Up until 1:00 p.m., the staff will be finishing work from the previous week's trail crews and preparing for the next week's trail crews which includes your crew. If you do arrive at Owasippe Scout Reservation too early, take some time to visit the Camp Trading Post, Museum, enjoy the view from the dam, or go fishing along the river.

#### **Facilities**

We have a Trading Post, dining shelter, showers, latrines, campsites with running water, a waterfront, and a family camping area.

#### Administrative Details

After you have been greeted by your Trail Guide, adult leaders need to take care of all of those details of checking into camp, such as rosters, medical forms and fees. While the adults are checking in, crew members will get swim checks, medical checks, equipment issue, food issue, and shakedowns. Your Trail Guide will assist you in getting all this arranged. Please be on time because there is a lot to do in a short time.

#### First Meals

The Sunday evening and Monday morning meals will be prepared by the camp staff and served at our base camp.

#### Sunday Evening Fun and Monday Morning Departure

After your evening meal on Sunday, there will be some business to complete. The trail staff will then put on a gala opening campfire to welcome you, introduce our staff members to you, and acquaint you with Owasippe High Adventure lore. On Monday morning you'll hit the trail!

#### Hiking the Trail

Each day you will depart from your previous night's outpost by 9:00 a.m. and you will not arrive at your next outpost before 1:00 p.m. This allows time for our efficient trail staff to prepare themselves and their outpost for the next crew.

Some crews feel this is too much time for some of the shorter hikes between outposts. Remember, however, that you will have to stop somewhere and have your noon meal.

In addition, a good crew will use any extra time to their advantage. There are 5,000 total acres to wander, new parts of the reservation to explore, new trails to try, places with beautiful views to enjoy a leisurely lunch, and places to just sit and observe the forest creatures. Activities along the trail between outposts are only limited by your crew's imagination. Crews that plan ahead for these times can set a more leisurely pace between trail outposts and pack more than our program into their week of fun.

#### WILDERNESS ETHICS AND CREW RULES OF CONDUCT

#### Garbage and Trash Disposal

- \* Eat it while it is still considered food.
- \* Burn all paper trash in your cooking fire if you have one.
- \* Never put garbage in latrines.
- \* Never bury garbage, including paper trash.
- \* Seal what is left in a leakproof plastic bag and pack it to a garbage bin at a base camp. Aluminum foil food packets do not burn and should be packed out.
- \* Put absolutely no left-over food in latrines.

#### Sanitation

- \* Tetrox and soapy water should go into latrines to aid in the decomposition process.
- \* Use sanitizer water to put out the cooking and camp fires. Never put it in latrines. If poured into latrines, it will destroy bacteria needed for decomposition.
- \* Always use established latrines when possible.
- \* Never defecate within 100 feet of a water source.

#### **SMOKING**

\* All cigarette butts should be "field stripped" and the unlit tobacco sprinkled over the ground. Put the paper/filters either in your pocket or trash bag.

#### WILDLIFE

\* At no time should wildlife be disturbed in any fashion.

#### **CAMPSITE SETUP**

- \* Locate all primitive camp sites at least 500 yards from any base camp perimeter.
- \* Do not ditch around tents.
- \* Do not disturb ground cover (leaves, pine needles, etc.) except around fireplaces.

#### TRAILS

- \* Never use a trail blocked by lines with red streamers. This marks a dangerouse area such as a nearby rifle range. It means also you have wandered into a restricted area and are off a safe trail.
- \* Always stay on an established trail as much as possible.
- \* Always use existing switchbacks when ascending hills. Do not cut new switchbacks; this will cause erosion.
- \* Do not BUSHWHACK (i.e., leaving established trail to "create" new trails). This destroys ground cover and vegetation and starts the erosion process.
- \* Keep notes about and report any trail problems to the base camp or outpost camp leader so the information can be passed along and the problem corrected.
- \* Report trail conditions at the end of your week.

#### **WOOD FUELS**

- \* Use only dead wood on the ground.
- \* Do not use standing dead wood.
- \* Do not cut live trees.

#### WATER

- \* Never brush your teeth, bathe, or relieve yourself in a stream.
- \* Never dump trash, wash clothing, or clean cooking pots in a stream.
- \* Always purify water from a stream by boiling and adding two drops of chlorine per quart.

#### FIRES

- \* Always clear a 10 foot fire ring down to mineral earth.
- \* Never let the flames rise higher than your knee (about 18 inches).
- \* Always make sure the fire is dead out before going to sleep.
- \* Always make sure the fire is dead out before leaving the area.
- \* If you cannot touch the coals without being burned, the fire is not out.
- \* When leaving an area, dismantle the fire ring and replace the ground cover removed unless you were using an established fire ring at an outpost

#### SOUND SOLUTION

\* Have courtesy for your fellow backpackers and the wilderness itself. Do not bring radios, tape players, etc., into wilderness areas.

#### REMOVAL OF NATURAL MATERIALS

\* Never take anything from a wilderness area. The guideline is: "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."

#### HIKING

- \* Stay on trails at all times.
- \* Do not hike on any car-traveled roads except when crossing is necessary.
- \* Stay out of other camps unless there is a legitimate reason. If there is, notify the Camp Director of your presence.

#### **GENERAL**

- \* Remember that wilderness ares are extremely fragile and will survive only if YOU respect and care for them.
- \* Follow the outdoor code>

#### **OUTDOOR CODE**

As an American, I will do my best to:

Be clean in my outdoor manners;

Be careful with fire;

Be considerate on the outdoors;

Be conservation-minded;

#### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR SCOUTERS

#### **BSA** Objectives

Eradication of child abuse has been adopted as a national objective by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. Guidelines for children and parents have been published in *Child Abuse*, *Let's Talk About It*, a booklet available both within Scouting and to the general public.

The concerned assistance of every Scouter is essential to success. On the other hand, few of us have ever given much thought to the subject. The guidelines listed below are general (items 1 and 2) and specific (items 3 through 12) and are designed to protect Scouts against child abuse and Scouters against misinterpretation of their intentions. Anyone who has questions regarding any difficulties and compliance should consult with a Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, or a District Executive. If unexpectedly faced with difficulty in complying with the guidelines, and no advice is available, use common sense and the priciples of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

#### **Definition of Terms**

**Scouters** is understood to mean all registered adult leaders at least 21 years of age.

**Junior Leaders** (including Explorer Post Officers) is understood to mean persons under 21 years of age, not registered as a Scouter, and holding office in a unit.

**Scout** is understood to mean all youth members.

#### **Guidelines for Scouters**

The following guidelines are published by the Boy Scouts of America and are repeated here for your use.

- 1. Scouters must endeavor to protect Scouts from (1) physical abuse, which is understood to mean the sustaining of physical injury as the result of cruel and inhumane treatment or as the result of a malicious act and (2) sexual abuse, i.e., any act involving sexual molestation or exploitation of a Scout, by any person who has permanent or temporary care, custody or responsibility for the supervision of Scouts or a Scout.
- 2. Adults serving Scouts, especially in camp, whether registered Scouters, Merit Badge Counselors, parents of Scouts, or other qualified personnel, must understand their responsibilities and the limitations placed on their relationship with Scouts. Care in selection, training and supervision is critical.
- 3. Scouters and Scouts should sleep in seperate tents except in extreme emergencies when the health or well-being of the Scout may be at risk.
  - 4. Scouters should always shower seperate from Scouts.
- 5. Scouters, Junior Leaders and other activity leaders must not permit activities involving group nudity, such as skinny dipping.
- 6. Scouters should avoid unnecessary contact with Scouts, such as placing hands on the legs and patting backsides.
  - 7. Scouts should always have at least one tent mate.
- 8. In accordance with National Council policy a minimum of two Scouters should be present on camping trips and at other group activities.
- 9. Scouters must never tell off-color stories to boys. A Scouter, as well as a Scout, is clean in mind and body.
- 10. Scouters should hold conferences with Scouts in open settings, where they may be seen (but not heard, if discussion is confidential). Avoid rooms with closed doors, closed tents or other secluded locations.
- 11. If a Scout complains or comments about an experience he or she has had with an adult that may suggest physical abuse or sexual molestation or an invitation to molestation, take him or her seriously. Remember that the Scout is not likely to articulate his or her complaint in an adult manner. It may take the form of declining to associate with a particular leader for no apparent reason or abruptly leaving the unit.
- 12. A Scouter who observes another Scouter or Junior Leader relate to a Scout in a manner that is not clearly objectionable, but which might be misconstrued as leading to child abuse, should warn the person so observed to avoid conduct that may be misunderstood.

#### Reporting Child Abuse

Our camp staff has received training to deal with potential victims of any kind of child abuse.

If you suspect that a Scout in camp is a victim, report this to either the Owasippe High Adventure Director or Program Director. They will notify Ad Center and will discuss in confidence your suspicions with you and possibly talk to the Scout. If further action is necessary, either the Council Executive or his representative will be notified for his determination of what further steps should be taken.

# POTOWATOMIE QUEST

## **OUTPOST CAMPING EXPERIENCE**

Potowatomie Quest Outpost Camping Experience, a new Owasippe High Adventure for Scouts 13 years of age and older. An oppurtunity to go back in time or experience an everyday adventure.

Potowatomie Quest gives scouts an opportunity to search, seek out, live with and be a part of each outpost experience they sign up for. The outposts include:

- 1. Cheyenne Outpost
- 2. Fish Camp
- 3. Paul Bunyan Camp
- 4. Wrangler Outpost
- 5. Tubing Outpost
- 6. Pack and Paddle Outpost

These are just some of the outposts you will have an opportunity to take part in. Join up for the Potowatomie Quest Outpost Camping Experience next summer.

# Cheyenne Outpost

Visit an early trapper, sleep in a tepee, use a sweat lodge, make buffalo stew, learn to throw a tomahawk, shoot a black powder rifle, and more.



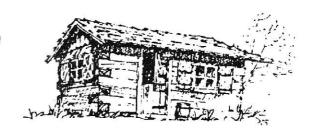


# Fish Camp

Learn to tie a fly, use a fly rod and experience the thrill of catching the big one.

# Paul Bunyan Camp

Live the life of a lumberjack, learn to use a cross-cut saw, climb a pole with tree climbers. Challenge your buddy to a log rolling contest.



# Wrangler Outpost

For one afternoon experience the life of a real cowboy. Take a ride, cook a western barbeque, learn to saddle, bridle, and care for a horse. Enjoy a western campfire.

# **Tubing Outpost**



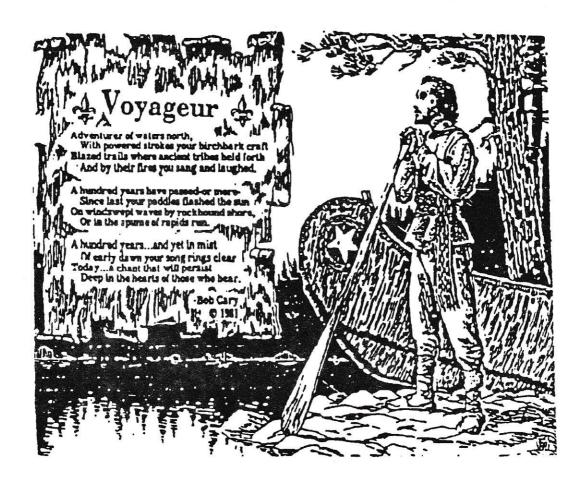
Just a fun day of near Fremont, Michigan. Lay back and enjoy a lazy ride or two or three on the White River.

# Pack and Paddle Outpost

Not to be confused with our Voyageur program, this is a one-day canoe trip on the White River.



# **OWASIPPE VOYAGEUR**



#### **OWASIPPE VOYAGEUR**

#### A HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM FEATURING

## **CANOEING - HIKING - OWASIPPE CHALLENGE - OVERNIGHT**

Older Scouts will enjoy this exciting challenge - Camp overnight in the beautiful wooded area of eagles Nest - Test your skill on The Owasippe Challenge - Hike to Owasippe's Grave and through awesome Paradise Valley. You'll canoe or tube on picturesque Cleveland Creek and the winding White River. Leadership will be provided by a specially trained staff member.

Crew:

Owasippe Voyageur

Scout Requirements:

At least 13 years old

Owasippe Aide

At least First Class

Maximum of 12 Scouts per camp

Qualify as a swimmer

Activities:

**MONDAY** 

1:00 p.m. Leave camps for Owasippe Challenge I

2:00 p.m. Form combined crews and participate

5:30 p.m. Leave for overnight campsite

(Hiawatha Beach or Paradise Valley)

**TUESDAY** 

9:00 a.m. Hike via marked trails thru Blackhawk to Bass Lake and Marl

Beds

12:00 p.m. Eat lunch near Reneker

1:00 p.m. Continue hiking via marked trails and make camp at old

cabin near dance hall at Owasippe's Grave

WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. Hike to Splinter and start canoe trip

12:00 p.m. Eat lunch at Diamond Bend 6:00 p.m. Make camp at Canoe Central

**THURSDAY** 

9:00 a.m. Hike to Owasippe Museum

11:00 a.m. Hike via marked trails to section camp

Complete a service project that is approved by the Voyageur Director

Voyageur crews will carry all gear, all food and all water

Voyageur Departs:

1:00 p.m. on Monday

Voyageur Returns:

12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday

The cost of the Voyageur trip is \$10.00 including food, canoe trip, Owasippe Challenge I, a special Voyageur patch, a Voyageur Border Strip and a Voyageur certificat.

Sign Up in Advance as Space is limited!!!!!!

### OWASIPPE CHALLENGE A HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

The Owasippe Challenge is a series of Challenging Outdoor Personal Encounters. The Challenge consists of Group Initiative Games, Low Course, and High Course activities. Some of the activities involve a group challenge while others test individual skills and agility. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel, and think of solutions to a variety of challenges.

Safety of participants, leaders and staff is imperative. It is not sufficient to be "concerned" about safety. This concern is augmented by the director and staff members who are constantly vigilant to safety procedures and participants needs. The standards that have been developed are stringent to ensure that the experience is both safe and successful.

The Owasippe Challenge is an exciting outdoor activity that can be used to attract and hold older Scouts and Explorers. It offers a set of stimulating activities designed to meet the needs of today's young people who are seeking greater challenges to their physical and mental abilities.

The underlying goals of the Owasippe Challenge are consistant with the methods of Scouting. Group activities are ideal for emphasizing the patrol method and in developing leadership. Individual activities help promote personal growth. Other Scouting methods are inherent in the conducting of the program.

Owasippe Challenge I-Initiative Games and Low Events designed for 2nd year campers.

Owasippe Challenge II- Initiative Games, Low Events and High Events designed for 3rd year campers who have completed Owasippe Challenge II.

Trust

Goals of Owasippe Challenge are:

Leadership . **Teamwork** Self Esteem

Communication Decision making

**Problem Solving** 

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (OCI) or at 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (OCI) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tuesday (OCI) 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (OCI) or at Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (OCII) or on Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (OC II)

## THE OWASIPPE CHALLENGE

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1. Requirement	ts:		
	OC I 2nd Year Camper 1st Class Scout 13 years old Unit Leaders Approval	OC II 3rd Year Campo Completed Cha 13 years old Unit Leaders A	llenge I
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4. Location:			
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5. Fee: O	C I is \$5.00 including a special patch	OC II is \$10.00 inc	cluding a special T-shirt
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#### WHITE RIVER HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

The White River is the primary river used for canoe trips at Owasippe. Canoe trips extend from one to three days depending upon the drop off selected between Taylor Bridge and Whitehall, Michigan.

The White River is of historic interest because of the once important lumbering industry in the White Lake area. There are many reminders of the past in the names given to the sand rollaways all along the river. The fall and winter cut of logs were piled on the steep, banked rollaways along the river where they would be cut loose and floated down to the mills in Whitehall on the high flood waters in the spring.

Added to the experience in canoeing, passing log jams, and scraping over underwater logs, numerous varieties of fish, plants and wildlife are visible on the river.

The river is not deep, averaging about 18 inches with a few deep holes. The river bottom is mostly sand and gravel with some silt. The river presents varied regions of high and low banks of wooded area. There are non-wooded flats, bayous, and feeder creeks. It flows through practically uninhabited country, is crooked and has many hairpin turns. Overnight campsites along the river are marked with metal fleur-de-lis.

- 1. A safe High Adventure wilderness canoe trip is what we strive to provide for your Scouts while at Owasippe.
- 2. Canoe trips on the White River are as follows:

A. Suggested Overnight Trips		
Taylor Bridge trips	13 Hours	\$30.00 + \$3.00/Canoe
Pines Point	10 Hours	\$25.00 + \$3.00/Canoe
B. Suggested Day Trips		
Splinter to Whitehall	5.5 Hours	\$20.00 + \$3.00/Canoe
Canoe Central to Whitehall	5.5 Hours	\$15.00 + \$3.00/Canoe
Diamond Bend to Canoe Central	3 Hours	\$10.00 + \$3.00/Canoe

- 3. Two (2) adults must go on all canoe trips.
- 4. Pick-up points are Canoe Central and Whitehall.
- 5. All scheduling will be handled through your camp commissioner. Reservation will be taken through the Program Office.

# HIGH ADVENTURE SPECIALTY CAMPS

A 7th week is being added to our Summer Program to provide four (4) Specialty Camp opportunities for your troop.

# **AQUATICS CAMP**



## **MOUNTAIN MEN**



# ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION



JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING

#### HIGH ADVENTURE SPECIALTY CAMP

#### **AQUATICS CAMPS**

This program will specialize in merit badges for Swimming, Life Saving, Rowing, Canoeing, and Small Boat Sailing. Scout Life Guard, Mile Swim, and Snorkeling will also be taught. Plans are under way to offer Water Skiing and Motorboating but are presently a tentetive part of this program.

#### MOUNTAIN MEN

This program will deal with Blackpowder Shooting, Wilderness Survival, Indian Lore, C.O.P.E., Voyageur Trip (1 day), Pioneering, and Orienteering.

#### ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION CAMP

This camp will specialize in merit badges dealing with Environmental Science, Mammals, Soil and Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry and Nature.

#### JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING

This is a leadership development course designed for older Scouts. All senior Patrol, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Troop Officers are encouraged to attend Junior Leader Traing.

J.L.T. offers Scouts the opportunity to develop and put into practice leadership skills. A special staff of older scouts and adult leaders will conduct this training under the direction of a well-trained experienced Scoutmaster.

Leadership will be provided by the Owasippe Staff. Participants will live in tents and eat in the Dining Hall except Mountain Men and J.L.T. who will cook some of their meals.

SPECIALTY CAMP DATES:

August 8 - 14, 1993

(except JLT, CAMP DATES):

August 8 - 15, 1993

SPECIALTY CAMP FEE:

\$135.00 per person (Before May 1)

\$145.00 per person (After May 1)

# POTOWATOMIE QUEST

# OUTPOST CAMPING EXPERIENCE

## Registration Form

SCOUTS NAME:
ADDRESS
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PHONE #
TROOP CAMPING DATES;
OUTPOST CAMP OF YOUR CHOICE:
(Check four )
CHEYENNE OUTPOST
FISH CAMP
PAUL BUNYAN CAMP
WRANGLER OUTPOST
TUBING OUTPOST
PACK AND PADDLE OUTPOST
Some outposts will fill up quickly so return your registration along with you troop registration soon.

# OWASIPPE HIGH ADVENTURE

## SPECIALTY CAMP APPLICATION

Scouts name:				
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CAMP DATES:	August 8 - 14, 1993			
CAMP FEE:	\$135.00 per person (Before May 1) \$145.00 per person (After May 1)			
Check Program you are applying	g for:			
Aquation	es Camp			
Mounta	ain Men Camp			
Ecolog	y/ Conservation Camp			
* \$10.00 deposit	* \$10.00 deposit (non-refundable) due with application, by March 12, 1993.			
* Full fee by May	* Full fee by May 1, 1993 to recieve early bird discount.			
* An additional d with your troop.	iscount of \$10.00 will be given if you also attend camp for one week			
PARENTS SIGNATURE				
SCOUTMASTERS SIGNATUR	KE			

# Junior Leader Training REGISTRATION

## **REGISTRATION DUE MAY 1, 1993**

Here is my registration for the Junior Leader Training Specialty Camp to be held at Owasippe Scout Reservation from August 8 - 15, 1993. Fee \$135.00 by May 1, \$145.00 after May 1.

NAME:		
Address:		Phone #
City, State, Zip:	· · ·	
Troop:	District:	Age:
Highest progress awar	rd earned:	
Troop leadership posi	tion(s) held (include current office	e):
"On my honor as a Sc during the Junior Lead	out, I promise that I will faithfully	y live according to the Scout Oath and Law . I will represent my troop with honor and do alw scouts."
	the Personal Resource Questionna	aire and Letter of recommendations with this
SCOUTMASTE'S AF	PPROVAL/DISTRICT EXECUTI	IVE
Signed:		Troop #
Signed:		District
I approve the attendar Owasippe Scout reser for Youth and have simy son.	vation from August 8 - 15, 1993. gned the authorization. Enclosed i	Junior Leader Training Camp to be held at I have reviewed the Health & Medical Record is a check in the amount of \$10.00 as a deposite Contact Phone: #
Person to contact in ca	ase of an emergency if parent or g	guardian cannot be reached.
		Phone #
Address		
STAFF USE ONLY		
		nce fee paid
Notes:		

#### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

U	1 pack and frame fitted to your body with a padded hip strap		1 compass (Silva is best; no Cracker Jack types)
	1 pack cover/waterproof bag		1/4 roll of toilet tissue
	25 feet of 1/8-inch nylon cord for packing,		l quart-sized ziplock bag for topographic map
	tentage, bear bag, etc.		Spare pack-to-frame securing pins
	I backpacking tent (one per two crew members) in two stuff sacks		1/2 bar of soap in plastic bag (can be shared with tent mate)
	1 hammock with rain fly (optional)		1 toothbrush and dental floss
	1 sleeping bag in waterproof bag		1 small towel
	3 plastic trash bags (tall kitchen size)		1 plastic water bottle (goes in pack as canteen)
	1 waterproof ground cloth (at least 3-mil plastic)		1 spoon, cup and deep plate
	1 sleeping pad		1 small insect repellent (can be shared with tent
	1 small to medium reliable flashlight with spare batteries and cord to hang around neck		mate) COMPLETE CLASS A UNIFORM; includes
	1 pair well broken in hiking boots/shoes with sturdy/new laces		Scout socks and belt; must be worn for meals, church, and campfires at base camp. Can be left
	1 pair spare boot/shoe laces		in storage during week on the trail.
	6 pairs (no less) wool/polypropelene socks	Op	tional equipment
	1 pair walking shorts		
	2 T-shirts		Camera
	3 undershorts		Film (film is not sold in the trading post)
	1 long sleeve shirt		Notebook
	1 sweater/sweatshirt/jacket		Sunglasses
	l poncho/rain suit (your choice)		Sunscreen lotion
	1 web belt		Binoculars
	1 swim suit		Handkerchiefs
			Spice kit
			Instant coffee/tea
	1 Scout knife (no sheath knives)		Fishing equipment

# CAMP- SITETROOP- PERIODS-

## HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

(FOR USE BY ALL INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER)
CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL — BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

#### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

		NAME:				AGE:	17
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The following information is required by the Michard administrative rule 109. (4).	higan Department of Soc	ial Services pursuant to Public	Act 116 of 1973
Registration position in council:			
Position in camp:			
Number of years/seasons in summer camp as an adul	lt leader:years.		
Number of years in leadership of short term weekend	d camping:years.		
Please indicate training received (I = date issued) (	E = date expires)		
Life Saving Merit Badge I		BSA Life Guard ARC Advanced Swimmer BSA National Camp School Safe Swim Defense Trng Wood Badge ARC Std or Adv First Aid	I E I E
Have you ever been convicted of anything other than	a minor traffic violation?		
YES  The information contained in this form is correct to t	NO the best of my knowledge.		
	Date:	_ Signature:	,Scourer
	REFERENCES		
As the representative for the chartering organization in camp.	, I recommend the above-	dentified individual to serve as a	leader of our scouts
	Unit Comm, Chr. Scout	Coord. or Head of Chartered Org	
As the representative for the related council, I recom- camp.	nmend the above - identifi	ed individual to serve as a leader	of our scouts in
	Council Representative		
As a individual who knows the good character of the our scouts in camp.	e above - identified individ	dual, I recommend him/her to ser	ve as a leader of
	Character Reference		
TO BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED PHISIC	CIAN ANNUALLY*		
I certify that I have examinedscouting activities excepted as noted below and has 1973.	had a negative TB test wi	, find him/her physically fit to par thin the past 36 months as require	ticipate in all d by PA 116 of
Recommendation and/or restrictions:		*	
Signature:  Physician licensed to practice medicine DEA Number:			
The Boy Scouts of America require a physical eval	mination for all adults are	nding summer comp within 12 m	onthe prior to

attending camp.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

(FOR USE BY ALL BSA CAMPERS 17 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER)
CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL — BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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The following authorization is required by the Michigan Department	of Social Services persuant to PA
116 of 1973 and administrative rule 117.(2)(a).	

camp staff o	of Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts	rementioned individual to employees, staff, volunteers and of America. In addition, only those individuals listed below vidual from summer camp during their period of camping.
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Date:	*Signature:	*Signature:
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<sup>\*</sup>The Boy Scouts of America requires a physical examination for all campers within 36 months prior to attending summer camp.

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